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Response to Restriction Requirement of May 4, 2004

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Arlington, VA 22313 May 28, 2004

I. Introduction

Sir:

Applicants respectfully respond to the Restriction Requirement of May 18, 2004 as follows: Please charge any required fees and credit any credits to deposit account 02-2334.

II. Remarks and Conclusion

Applicants thank the Examiner for correcting the record. Applicants would additionally request a term extension commensurate with the time the patent application was being corrected. Accordingly, Applicants petition for such extension.

To further prosecution, Applicants elect Group I, comprising Claims 16-21, 26-28, 32-39, and 41-43, with traverse. Should the Examiner disagree with the Restriction made by Applicants, Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney at 302-933-4034, to expedite prosecution.

In conclusion, Applicants reaffirm the Election of Group I and respectfully submit that the Claims are in a condition for allowance and request such action. Please call the undersigned attorney with any questions. Please charge deposit account 02-2334 for any required fees and to credit any credits.

Respectfully submitted,

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